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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEETING

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1. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (A-I) ENDED DEC 10 AND 11 CLOSED MEETINGS OF A-I'S "CONFERENCE FOR THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE" WITH PUBLIC SESSION LATE IN EVENING OF DEC 11. DELOFF OBSERVER NOTED THAT SPEECHES, BEGINNING WITH FRENCH NOBEL LAUREATE RENE CASSIN, GENERALLY ADDRESSED SELVES TO PHILOSOPHICAL EVIL OF TORTURE, NEED FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS AND FOR PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENTS TO OUTLAW SUCH PRACTICES.

2. A-I DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED OR ON SALE, MOST NOTABLY "INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON TORTURE" WHICH PROMPTED UNESCO TO CANCEL LEASE OF ITS CONFERENCE FACILITIES TO A-I (REFTEL), MADE DETAILED AND SPECIFIC ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GIVEN COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, SPEECHES WERE GENERALLY CONFINED TO CONDEMNATION OF TORTURE AS GENERAL PRINCIPLE. NO RPT NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF US WAS MADE IN SPEECHES.

3. UNESCO CAME UNDER SHARP CRITICISM FOR CANCELLING A-I LEASE AT SEVERAL POINTS IN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOLLOWING SPEECHES.

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4. FOR DEPARTMENT'S REFERENCE IN CASE OF PUBLIC QUERIES

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5. COPY OF A-I DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED.STONE

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